

MASSACHUSETTS FIRES IN 2000

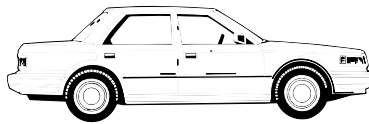
24,931 Fires - Down 14% From 1999

78 Civilian Deaths
619 Civilian Injuries
0 Fire Service Deaths
837 Fire Service Injuries
\$189 Million in Property Damage
3,360 Reported Arsons



Structure Fires

10,279 Fires - Down 3%
62 Civilian Deaths
523 Civilian Injuries
0 Fire Service Deaths
760 Fire Service Injuries
\$155 Million in Property Damage
747 Arsons Reported



Motor Vehicle Fires

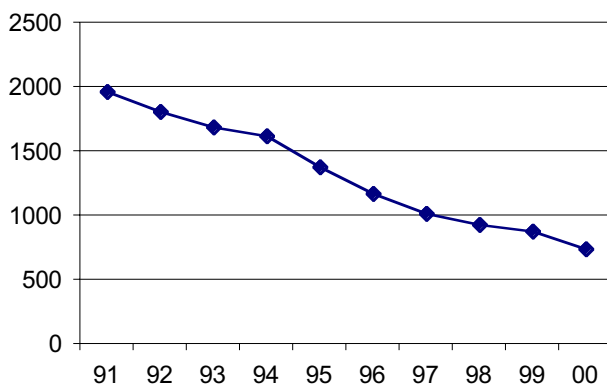
5,473 Fires - Up 8%
13 Civilian Deaths
34 Civilian Injuries
33 Fire Service Injuries
\$20 Million in Property Damage
798 Arsons Reported



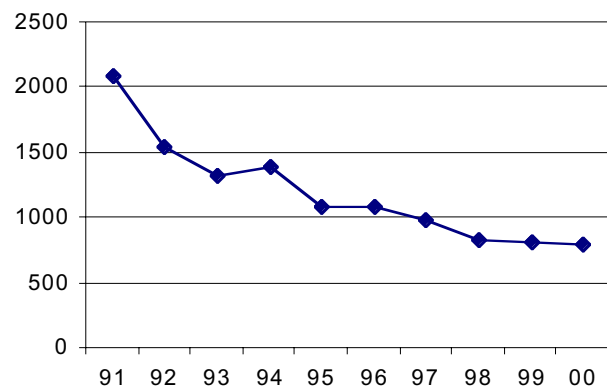
Other Fires

9,179 Fires - Down 28%
3 Civilian Deaths
62 Civilian Injuries
0 Fire Service Death
44 Fire Service Injuries
\$13 Million in Property Damage
1,815 Arsons Reported

Structure Arson by Year



Motor Vehicle Arson by Year

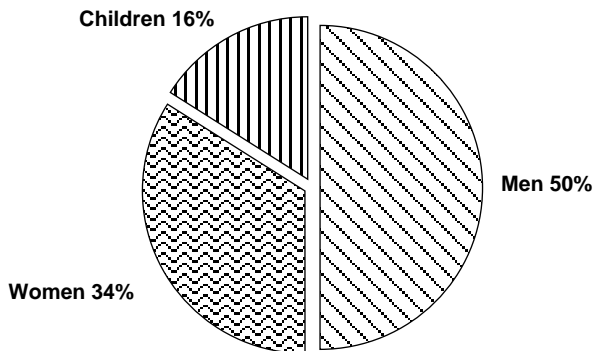


Structure arson fell 16% and motor vehicle arson fell 9% from 1999 to 2000. Since 1985, motor vehicle arson has fallen 85%. Since the Burned Motor Vehicle Reporting Law took effect in 1987, owners of burned vehicles must personally file a report at the fire station before they can collect on their fire insurance. Vehicle arson began dropping at that time.

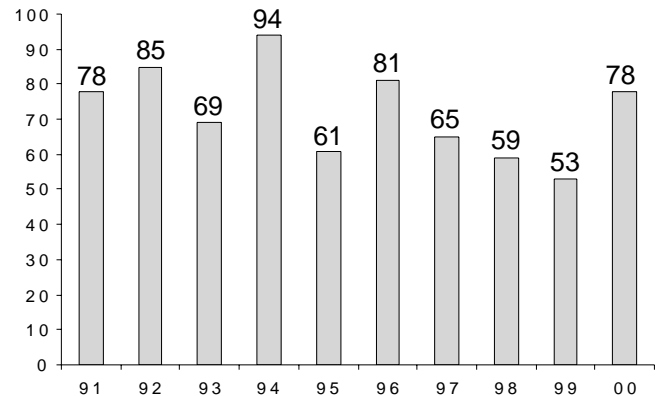
For statistical purposes, a fire is considered arson when the ignition factor is listed as incendiary or suspicious.

MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DEATHS IN 2000

Civilian Fire Deaths

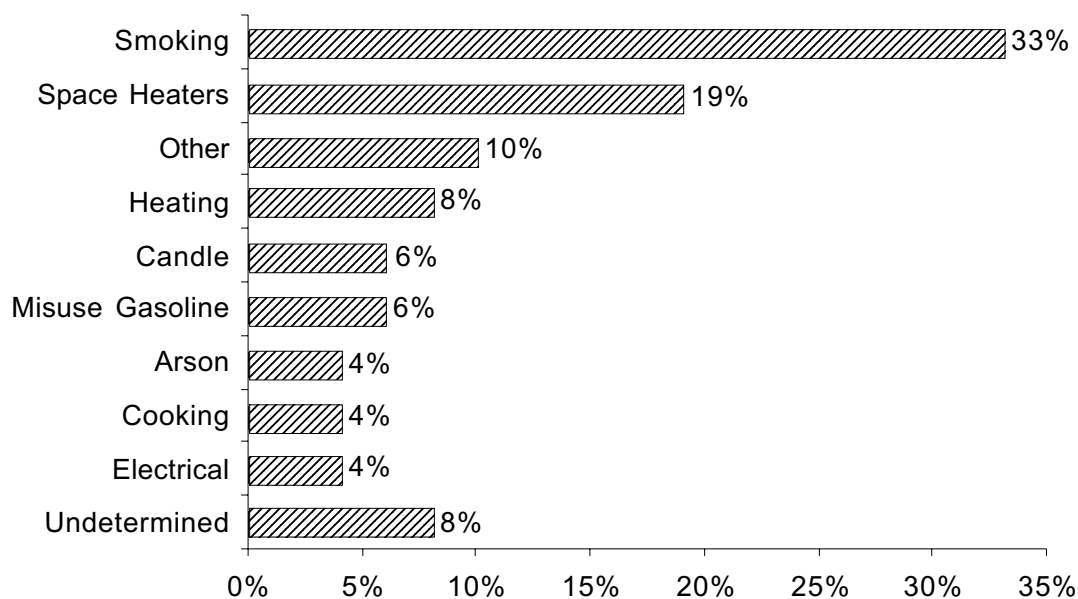


Fire Deaths by Year



- 59 fatal fires killed 78 civilians - 39 men, 27 women and 12 children. No firefighters died in fires in 2000.
- 1 in 4 fatal fire victims was an older adult (over 65).
- Fire deaths increased 47% from the all time record low of 53 deaths set in 1999.
- Nearly 70% of the civilian fire victims died in their homes.
- Improper or unsafe use of smoking materials was the leading cause of residential structure fire deaths. Smoking caused 18, or 33% of residential structure fire deaths.

Causes of Residential Structure Fire Deaths



Test your smoke detector and plan your escape!
Fire doesn't wait!

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